

Written Testimony Supporting Senate Bill 1076, An Act Concerning Aid in Dying for Terminally Ill Patients

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To the Joint Public Health Committee,

I am Maksymilian Keska, a resident of Plantsville, CT, and I wholeheartedly support SB1076, which would legalize medical aid in dying.

My mother-in-law, Karen Self-Mann, suffered terribly from stage 4 cancer without the option to choose this peaceful and compassionate end-of-life care. While I would personally choose to fight my passing until the end, I believe that individuals should have the freedom to make their own choices about their medical care and how they would like to pass. Other states have already passed similar laws, almost 20% of the nation has access to medical aid in dying. It is time for Connecticut to follow their lead. Facing a terminal illness is one of the greatest trials of life, and individuals should have the right to choose how they face it.

Medical aid in dying is a humane and compassionate option that affirms our founding principles of individual liberty and autonomy. I urge the legislature to pass this important bill and give individuals the peace of mind that comes with having control over their own medical care.

Thank you for your time and energy on this important future legislation,

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